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For: **PLANTS WITH A MODIFIED AMINO ACID CONTENT  
 AND THEIR GENERATION**

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**March 14, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

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-- This application is the US national phase of international application PCT/EP00/07625 filed August 5, 2000 which designated the U.S. --.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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4. (Amended) Transformed plant and its progeny according to claim 1, characterized in that it exhibits one or more essential amino acid(s) whose content is increased over that of the untransformed plant.